

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the agricultural production and productivity has declined in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): Table below gives the production and productivity of different agricultural commodities grown in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands during the last three years:

Crop	Production ('000 Tonnes)			Productivity (Kg/Hectare)		
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Rice	29.2	30.7	30.7	2729	2896	2896

Maize	0.1	0.1	0.2	1000	1000	2000
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Pulses	0.4	0.4	0.4	571	500	571
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Foodgrains	29.7	31.2	31.3	2583	2713	2746
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Sugarcane	5.7	5.9	2.6	28500	19667	26000
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Areca nut	4.8	4.8	5.8	1091	1091	1415
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Banana	17.8	17.8	13.7	8900	8900	8563
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Coconut	87.1	87.1	89.0	3402	3402	4159
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Chillies	1.0	1.0	0.9	2500	2500	2250
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Ginger	1.8	1.8	1.9	3600	3600	9500
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Sweet Potato	2.6	2.6	0.5	5200	5200	5000
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Turmeric	0.7	0.7	0.5	7000	7000	5000
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Tapioca	5.0	5.0	2.0	6250	6250	6667
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Production in Million Nuts and Yield in Nuts/Hectare In most of the cases, both production and productivity show increase during 2006-07 over the previous two years. Government is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, the National Horticulture Mission (NHM) since 2005-06 covering the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands for the holistic development of Horticulture sector through area based, regionally differentiate strategies to enhance horticulture production, improve nutritional security and income support to

farm house holds.